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## City Plans Centennial New Year's Eve Celebration

The City will kick off the celebration of the Mountain View's Centennial Year with a community party at Civic Center Plaza on New Year's Eve. This will be the first of four major community events throughout 2002 to mark 100 years since Mountain View's incorporation.


The New Year's Eve Kick Off on December 31, 2001 will feature family and senior activities from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., including bell ringing, story-telling, face painting, food and games. At 10:00 p.m. there will be another bell ringing, live musical entertainment, and a count down to the New Year.

As part of the bell ringing celebration, the City will provide souvenir Centennial bells specially designed for the occasion.

The Centennial Planning Committee, made up of community volunteers, is also planning three other community events, including a ceremony on the City's November 7, 2002 Centennial Birthday.



Look for other Centennial event announcements and updates in future issues of *The View* and on the City's website at [www.ci.mtnview.ca.us](http://www.ci.mtnview.ca.us) or [www.mountainview.gov](http://www.mountainview.gov).

If you have an idea about how to celebrate Mountain View's Centennial or would like to volunteer to be part of the planning effort, call the City Manager's Office at (650) 903-6301. 

## City Encourages Continued Energy Conservation Efforts

In response to the Statewide energy shortage, the City implemented a variety of energy-saving efforts to reduce its demand for electricity. These efforts included: moderating building temperatures at City facilities, reducing operating hours for heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) and other systems, shutting off nonessential equipment and turning off/reducing lighting levels in City facilities and relying on more natural light.

The goal of the City's energy saving efforts was to reduce energy usage by 20 percent. However, as a result of these and other efforts, by mid-July


the City was able to reduce its energy consumption by about 31 percent in major City facilities compared to the same time period last year. The City was able to achieve these significant results without decreasing essential City programs or services to residents.

The City also established a task force to develop contingency plans so that essential City services could continue in the event of rolling blackouts.

As cooler weather approaches, Mountain View residents can continue to reduce power usage and stay warm with a few simple strategies:

- Turn the thermostat to 55 degrees at night and 68 degrees in the morning.
- Install a programmable thermostat to adjust the times you turn on heating and cooling.
- Before turning on your heater this fall, replace the filter, vacuum up dust in the blower compartment and around vents, be sure vents and air intakes are unobstructed, oil the furnace as indicated, and check belts.

- Close the fireplace flue when the fireplace is not in use.
- Avoid inefficient fireplace heating. If you must have a fire, add glass doors to your fireplace and install a fan-powered heat exchanger or fireplace insert.
- Close doors and vents to unheated rooms.
- Check for air leaks around windows and doors that would allow cold air to seep inside. Weather-strip, seal and caulk leaky doors and windows.
- Seal exterior walls around pipes, light fixtures and wires.
- Determine if the insulation in your attic, basement, walls and floors needs upgrading.
- Seal heat and cooling ducts.
- Consider replacing single-pane windows with high performance windows.

For more information on saving energy, visit the City's website at [www.ci.mtnview.ca.us](http://www.ci.mtnview.ca.us) or [www.mountainview.gov](http://www.mountainview.gov). 



# THE VIEW

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## City Wins Awards for Innovative Transit Development

Mountain View received two awards recently for innovative ideas that make new development in the City accessible to mass transit and that make mass transit more accessible to the entire community.

In June, the City received an award from the Northern California Chapter of the American Planning Association (APA) for transit-oriented development. The Award recognizes the City's innovative work in focusing housing and jobs around transit centers through the use of Precise Plans and a transit overlay zone.

These new zoning tools encourage well-planned neighborhoods with a mix of development and higher density housing with close access to mass transit, such as the City's new light rail system. In the past three years, more than 1,000 new homes have been built in Mountain View within easy walking distance of transit stations. Mountain View's nomination



will now be forwarded to the State APA for State award consideration.

The City also recently received the 2000 Excellence in Transportation Award from CALTRANS for development of the Downtown Transit Center, located along Evelyn Avenue near Castro Street. The project was recognized for the way it integrates six different modes of transportation into a cohesive and attractive transit station. The six modes of transportation include light rail, commuter train, bus, shuttle bus, bicycle and pedestrian.

For more information about transit-oriented development, contact the Community Development Department at (650) 903-6306. For more information about the Downtown Transit Center, contact the Public Works Division at (650) 903-6311.

## Downtown Construction Update



Downtown Mountain View is currently experiencing one of the most active periods of development in recent history. Twelve new construction projects and two major upgrades to local businesses are in progress, adding to the vitality of the area. At present, 100 new residential units, 260,000 sq. ft. of office space and nearly 40,000 sq. ft. of retail space are being built between Bryant Street, Hope Street, California Street and Evelyn Avenue.

New residential development currently under construction downtown includes 20 new units located at 364 Bryant Street, 8 units at 939 Dana Street, and 20 units at 933 Villa Street. Work is also scheduled to start on eight more residential units at 231 Hope Street, while 44 units were recently completed at 925 West Evelyn Avenue.

The largest commercial construction project is located at 400 Castro Street, where 150,000 sq. ft. of office and retail space is being developed along with 4 levels of underground parking. As

a result of the construction, Bryant Street and California Streets are sometimes closed or have traffic controls.

Across the street at 401 Castro Street, work is beginning on a 30,500 sq. ft. retail and office building that will have two levels of underground parking. A project at 303 Bryant Street will offer 55,430 sq. ft. of retail and office space and two levels of underground parking.

In addition to new construction, upgrades to a hotel at 891 West Evelyn Avenue and retail space at 278 Castro Street are underway.

The City continues its efforts to mitigate both traffic circulation and parking problems that result from this unusually active period of construction. Besides the 12 public parking lots downtown, additional temporary lots are being added. To locate City parking lots, visit the City's website at [www.ci.mtnview.ca.us](http://www.ci.mtnview.ca.us) or [www.mountainview.gov](http://www.mountainview.gov).

For more information about new downtown development, call the Community Development Department at (650) 903-6306.

## Historic Adobe Building Dedication on September 29

A dedication ceremony to celebrate the renovation and reopening of Mountain View's historic Adobe Building is planned for September 29. The Adobe Building, located at 157 Moffett Boulevard, was constructed as part of a Works Progress Administration project in 1933 and was the City's first community center.

The structure has been in need of repairs and modernization and has not been used for years. The recently completed renovations restore the building to its original 1930s architectural style and update the facility for community use.

The building will be available for Mountain View nonprofit organizations and community groups to use at a discounted rental rate on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays for business meeting purposes. The building may also be rented for events, ranging from weddings to corporate meetings. Mountain View residents

may make reservations up to one year in advance. Nonresidents may make reservations up to six months in advance.

The restored Adobe Building features a front porch leading into a great room with a wood paneled ceiling and open hand-hewn trusses. There is a modern kitchen, a traditional red clay tiled roof, and an outdoor garden.

As *The View* goes to press, no time has been set for the dedication ceremony on September 29. For more information on the dedication ceremony, the Adobe Building, and applications for use of the facility, check the City's website at [www.ci.mtnview.ca.us](http://www.ci.mtnview.ca.us) or [www.mountainview.gov](http://www.mountainview.gov), or call the Recreation Division at (650) 903-6331.



# Building Permits Now Available Online

This July, Mountain View launched a new internet-based e-commerce permitting system. The system allows anyone to apply for the City's basic building, electrical, mechanical, and plumbing permits online. Web visitors may also schedule inspections, pay permit fees with a credit card and sign the permit application online, without having to visit City Hall.

The Building Inspection Division's new electronic system is called E-Permits and includes permit applications for re-roofing, replacement of water heater or furnace change outs, electrical services upgrades, chimney-fireplace repairs, sewer and water line change outs, tub and/or shower enclosure replacements and other types of basic permits. With five simple clicks of the mouse, applicants can obtain a permit and schedule an inspection time.

The new E-permit system can be accessed two ways, by going to **www.govtsystems.com/mtnview** and through the City's website at **www.ci.mtnview.ca.us** or **www.mountainview.gov**. 



The E-Permit system is available 24 hours a day. It offers a membership feature with password security that allows users to view all issued permits, check the status of permits, and receive e-mail updates on new codes, City policies and building inspection service enhancements. It also enables the user to contact the Building Inspection Division directly by email.

To schedule a demonstration of the new E-Permit system at the Development Services Center counter in City Hall, or for more information, call the Building Inspection Division at (650) 903-6313.

## NASA/Moffett Update

NASA Ames Research Center is continuing the environmental review process it started last summer for its proposed multi-year development plan for Moffett Federal Airfield. Five possible development scenarios are being evaluated, ranging from maintaining the status quo to the development of 5 million sq. ft. of research and development, university housing, light industrial and office space, as well as the renovation of existing space.

The release of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the project has been postponed until October 2001 to allow for a more comprehensive analysis of the potential impacts of the project. When the DEIS is released, there will be a 45-day public review and comment period. The DEIS will be placed on a Mountain View City Council agenda during that 45-day period for Council review and discussion. NASA anticipates completing its environmental review and beginning its development efforts in May 2002.

For more information about NASA's development plans for Moffett, call NASA's Office of Development and Communications at (650) 604-9000 or visit NASA's website at: <http://www.researchpark.arc.nasa.gov>

Additional information is also available on the City's Moffett Hotline at (650) 903-6616 and the City's website at [www.ci.mtnview.ca.us](http://www.ci.mtnview.ca.us) or [www.mountainview.gov](http://www.mountainview.gov). 

## Housing Element Update

In an effort to update the City's Housing Element, the Environmental Planning Commission (EPC) has held nine meetings since January to discuss and review housing issues in Mountain View. The Housing Element is the part of the City's General Plan devoted to meeting Mountain View's future housing needs.

The update process began in January with a community housing workshop that was used to gather community input regarding major housing issues and proposals for solutions. Following the workshop, the EPC held a series of meetings to discuss the effectiveness of the 1990 Housing Element, new housing issues, housing needs, constraints on the development of housing, and proposed housing goals, policies and actions.

The Commission also discussed potential rezoning sites. Under State mandate, the City must provide enough land for about 3,400 more housing units. About 1,000 units have



already been built or approved and there is vacant or underdeveloped land zoned for about 1,400 more units. The City hopes to find land for the remaining 1,000 units by rezoning commercial and industrial areas, as well as by increasing density in a few residential sites.

The EPC's current discussion of housing issues will be used as the basis for the development of a Draft Housing Element that is tentatively scheduled to be presented at a public hearing on September 19. The Housing Element update is scheduled to be adopted by the City Council in December 2001.

## Ask City Hall

*The View's* Ask City Hall column presents some of the questions most frequently asked at the City's Central Reception Desk. If you have a question regarding City services, programs or about the City in general, contact the City by:

- **Telephone:** (650) 903-6300
- **Fax:** (650) 903-6039
- **E-mail:** [city.clerk@ci.mtnview.ca.us](mailto:city.clerk@ci.mtnview.ca.us)
- **Internet:** [www.ci.mtnview.ca.us](http://www.ci.mtnview.ca.us) or [www.mountainview.gov](http://www.mountainview.gov)
- **Post:** P.O. Box 7540, Mountain View, CA 94039-7540

**Question:** I usually don't hear airplanes flying over my house, but during the past few days, I've noticed a lot of them. Who can I call to find out where the planes are coming from and why their flight path has been changed?

**Answer:** Aircraft noise may be from flights departing from or arriving at Moffett Federal Airfield, San Francisco International Airport or San Jose International Airport. For flights in or out of:

- Moffett Federal Airfield, call (650) 604-2940.
- San Francisco International Airport, call (650) 821-5100.
- San Jose International Airport, call (408) 277-5246.

If you are not sure which airport is the source of the noise, call San Francisco International Airport at (650) 821-5100. They can determine the origin and destination of all air traffic in the area.

**Question:** There is a car that has been parked in my neighborhood for quite awhile. I think it has been abandoned. What can I do to have it removed?


**Answer:** Call the Mountain View Police Department's abandoned vehicle hotline at (650) 903-6358.

**Question:** Where can I purchase a lap swim card?

**Answer:** Lap swim cards may be purchased at City Hall, 500 Castro Street, in the Finance & Administrative Services Department on the second floor. Cards may also be purchased at the Community Center, 201 South Rengstorff Avenue.

Following Council review, the State Department of Housing and Community Development will review the document to ensure it complies with State law and can be certified.

To confirm the public hearing meeting date and learn about other housing meetings, check the City's website at [www.ci.mtnview.ca.us](http://www.ci.mtnview.ca.us) or [www.mountainview.gov](http://www.mountainview.gov).

For more information about the City's Housing Element, call the Community Development Department at (650) 903-6306. 

# Hotel and Conference Center Planned for North Bayshore Area

The City Council has selected four hotel developer/operator teams to submit proposals for the development of a hotel and conference center on an 18-acre parcel of City-owned land at the corner of Shoreline Boulevard and Charleston Road. The development is intended to fulfill the City's long-standing goal of locating a full-service hotel with significant conferencing capability in Mountain View.

The four selected developers are from Hyatt Development Corporation, the Landmark Organization, Lowe Hospitality Group, and David S. Taylor/PPM. The City is only considering a long-term ground lease for the hotel site, not a sale.

The four groups will submit proposals that describe in more detail their development concepts for the site, including plans for a 250 to 300-room hotel and a 25,000 to 35,000 sq. ft. conference center.

Staff will review the proposals and then make a recommendation to the City Council in October. Once the developer/operator is selected and lease negotiations are completed, construction will begin. The project is expected to be completed sometime in 2004.

The City will receive both lease payments and transient occupancy tax revenue from the project.

For more information regarding the hotel/conference center development, call the Community Development Department at (650) 903-6306. 

## QUESTIONS? SUGGESTIONS?

### Mountain View Citygram

How are we doing? Feedback from you is very important to us. Curious about a City service or program? Have an idea you'd like to share? Know a City employee who did a particularly good job? The City Manager's Office would like to hear from you. Send your remarks on a Citygram and you will receive a prompt response from the appropriate City department. Thank you for your comments. Send your comments to the Mountain View City Manager's Office, Post Office Box 7540, Mountain View, CA 94039

Name

Date

Address

Zip Code

Daytime phone (\_\_\_\_)

I would like a reply: ☐ by telephone

☐ by mail ☐ no reply necessary

For City Staff use:


# City Awarded AAA Credit Rating

The City of Mountain View has been awarded a AAA credit rating by Standard and Poor's, one of the nation's top credit rating agencies. Mountain View is only one of three cities in California to receive the AAA rating from Standard and Poor's.

The new, upgraded AAA rating is expected to lower fees and costs the City pays on its long-term debt. The rating will enable the City to save approximately \$100,000 on the refinancing of the Civic Center debt.

Standard and Poor's cited the following reasons for its decision to upgrade the City's credit rating from AA to AAA:

- a solid and diversified local tax base,
- the City's low debt burden,
- high property values and personal income levels,
- and Standard and Poor's expectation of continued strong financial operations by the City.

For more information on the City's credit rating, call the Finance and Administrative Services Department at (650) 903-6316. 

# Website Offers Better, Expanded Service

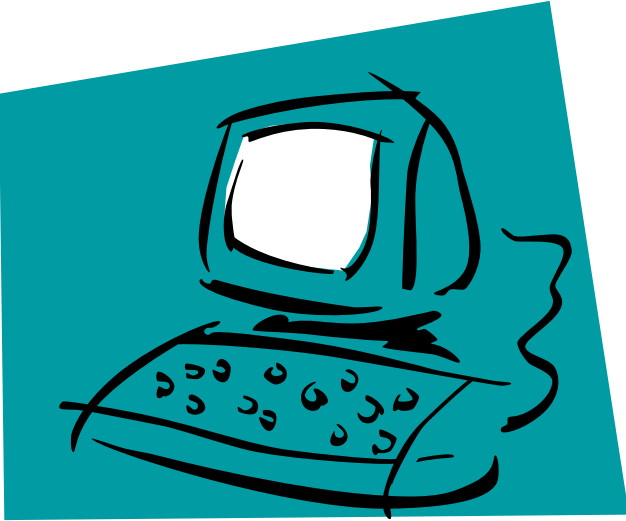
The City's website has been redesigned and expanded in order to provide easier access to news and information, and more online services.

You can access Mountain View's website at [www.ci.mtnview.ca.us](http://www.ci.mtnview.ca.us).


Or try our new, easier-to-remember address at [www.mountainview.gov](http://www.mountainview.gov).

Any route you take, you'll find lots of helpful features, including easy ways to:

- access Council agendas and minutes,
- submit building permit requests and schedule inspections,
- renew Library books and check the Library catalog,



- download the latest issue of *The View* and Recreation Guide,
- look up the recycling pickup schedule,
- download BBQ reservation forms,
- and much, much more!

For more information on the City's website, call the City Manager's Office at (650) 903-6301. 

# Bike Lockers for Rent in Downtown

You can keep your bike in a safe, convenient place while you work, shop or take the commuter train by renting one of the City's 44 bike lockers, located throughout downtown Mountain View.


It only costs \$60 to rent a locker for an entire year, or just \$5 per month. A refundable \$25 damage deposit is also required.

To rent a bike locker, visit the Public Works reception area on the first floor of City Hall, 500 Castro Street, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

For more information, call the Public Works Department at (650) 903-6311. 

# 2001 Water Confidence Report Available

As part of a continuing program to provide safe, high-quality drinking water that meets Federal and State standards, the City of Mountain View annually publishes a Consumer Confidence Report for customers. The Report explains where the City's water comes from and provides a listing of results from water quality tests with information about how to interpret the data.

To obtain the City's current report, call the Public Services Department at (650) 903-6329, or visit the City's website at [www.ci.mtnview.ca.us](http://www.ci.mtnview.ca.us) or [www.mountainview.gov](http://www.mountainview.gov). 





# Volunteer News



## Share the Vision... Volunteer with the City of Mountain View

*The City of Mountain View's Volunteer Services Program gives you the opportunity to turn your special talents and abilities into positive action. The Volunteer Services Program is committed to citizen participation by matching people with volunteer opportunities. For more information, call Rae Blasquez, Coordinator of Volunteer Services, at (650) 903-6607.*

### Current Volunteer Opportunities

**Deer Hollow Farm School Year** – Teaching Docents – Volunteer docents are needed to help teach school children about farm life, the wilderness and California Native Americans. Training is scheduled September 18 - 20. For more information, call Deer Hollow Farm at (650) 903-6430.

**Police Department** – H.A.P.P. Team – The Police Department's Handicapped Area Parking Patrol (H.A.P.P.) Team needs volunteers. Help educate the public about handicapped parking regulations and help enforce the regulations. Volunteers must be at least 18 years old. A training course is provided. Team members work in pairs. For more information, call Community Service Officer Jim Bennett at (650) 903-6357.

**Library Department** – SOS Program – The Library is looking for volunteers to select and deliver books to homebound Library patrons. Days and hours are flexible. Volunteers must have proof of car insurance. For more information, call Candy Bowers at (650) 903-6335.

**Senior Center** – Volunteer Drivers – Drivers are needed for the Assisting Seniors in the Arts Program. Volunteers will drive seniors to events at the Center for the Performing Arts and both the senior and driver will receive free tickets to the event. A four-hour training session is required. For more information, call Michele Petersen at (650) 903-6330.

**Center for the Performing Arts** – Art Docents – Volunteers are needed to host the public art work on display in the lobby of the Performing Arts Center on Monday, Wednesday or Friday from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. For more information, call Roberta Varney at (650) 903-6568.

**Center for the Performing Arts** – Ushers – Volunteers are needed to assist patrons during Center events. The next usher training will be held Monday, October 15 and Monday, October 29 at 7:00 p.m. in the Mainstage of the Center. Volunteers must attend both sessions. For more information, call Roberta Varney at (650) 903-6568.

**City Clerk's Office** – Office Assistant – Volunteers are needed to help answer phones at the Central Reception Desk and help with Council minutes distribution, copying, and computer entry. For more information, call (650) 903-6607.

These are just a few ways that you can get involved. If you have an idea or special skill or talent to offer, call the Volunteer Program. Contact Rae Blasquez, Coordinator of Volunteer Services, at (650) 903-6607.

**Community Outreach Program** – Volunteers who are bilingual in English and Russian or Spanish are needed to assist staff with distributing information about City services to our community at various fairs and events. Flexible days and hours. Training is provided. For more information, call (650) 903-6607.

**Shoreline** – Gatehouse and Patrol Rangers – Volunteer Rangers are needed to greet visitors and provide visitor information at Shoreline at Mountain View Regional Park. Training, supplies and supervision are provided. Work hours are flexible. For more information, call Ginny Kaminski at (650) 903-6073.

**Shoreline** – Garden and Rengstorff House – Volunteer docents are needed at Rengstorff House to provide information on Mountain View's oldest house and help visitors experience life in the 1860s. House docents will be trained to lead tours, greet guests and provide general information. Garden docents will help with the flower gardens surrounding the House. For more information, call Ginny Kaminski at (650) 903-6073.

### Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities



**Halloween Family Celebration** – Special Event – Volunteers are needed to assist with carnival booths, arts and crafts, entertainment, the costume parade, food booths, and decorations. The event is Sunday, October 28 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Rengstorff Park. For more information, call (650) 903-6607.

**Holiday Tree Lighting** – Special Event – Volunteers are needed to help with refreshments, Santa pictures, decorations and to work as crowd monitors for the Annual Holiday Tree Lighting at Civic Center Plaza on Sunday, December 2 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. For more information, call (650) 903-6607.

## Upcoming Neighborhood Meetings

The City Council Neighborhoods Committee will hold meetings in Mountain View neighborhoods during the next several months to discuss issues of importance to local area residents. These meetings provide an opportunity to exchange ideas with Councilmembers, City staff and neighbors. All Mountain View residents are encouraged to participate.

Whisman Road Area Neighborhood  
September 20 (tentative)  
Location: TBA  
7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Central/North Bayshore Area  
Neighborhood  
October 18  
Edith Landels School  
115 West Dana Street  
7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Call the Neighborhood Preservation Division at (650) 903-6379 to confirm times and locations, and for more information.



## City of Mountain View

### CITY BOARD, COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE APPLICATIONS

September 14, 2001 is the application deadline for Mountain View residents wishing to serve on the following City board, commissions or committees:

- **Library Board** – 1 position (meets on the third Monday evening of the month)
- **Environmental Planning Commission** – 2 positions (meets on the first and third Wednesday evenings of each month)
- **Human Relations Commission** – 1 position (meets on the first Thursday evening of the month)
- **Parks and Recreation Commission** – 2 positions (meets on the second Wednesday evening of the month)
- **Downtown Committee** – 10 positions (meets on the first Tuesday morning of every other month)
- **Performing Arts Advisory Committee** – 1 position (meets on the third Monday evening of every quarter)
- **Visual Arts Committee** – 1 position (meets on the second Wednesday evening of the month)

There may be incumbents who wish to be reappointed.

The board, commissions and committees serve in an advisory capacity to the City Council, and all members serve as volunteers. Appointments are available on an equal opportunity basis.

For more information and applications, call the City Clerk's Office at (650) 903-6304.

# City Assists with Heritage Tree Maintenance

In order to help ensure the health of Mountain View’s heritage trees, the City has created the Heritage Tree Maintenance and Preservation Fund. The Fund provides vouchers to property owners with demonstrated financial need so that they can obtain needed maintenance for heritage trees on their property.

Eligible participants will be provided with one nontransferable voucher from a reputable tree service firm for each qualified tree. The voucher is good for needed maintenance services up to a maximum of \$500.

Potential program participants are screened by the Community Services Agency of Mountain View and Los Altos to determine financial need.

To be eligible for a voucher, a tree must meet the City’s criteria for a heritage tree, available by calling (650) 903-6273. The tree must also be in need of maintenance and be in reasonably good condition.

In addition, the tree must meet one of the following three requirements:

- be an unusual species,
- have historic or sociological significance,
- or be an oak, redwood or cedar.

For more information or to obtain a simple application form, call (650) 903-6273 or visit the Forestry and Roadway Landscape Division at 235 North Whisman Road. [V](#)



## New Program Provides Health Insurance for Children

If your family lives in Santa Clara County, your children are under 19 years of age and you are low or middle income, a new program called Healthy Kids may help provide health insurance for your children.

Healthy Kids covers dental care, check-ups, emergency visits, prescription drugs and eye exams.

For more information about the new Healthy Kids program, call 1-888-244-5222.

# FY 2001-02 Budget Adopted

The City Council adopted the City’s annual operating budget in June for Fiscal Year (FY) 2001-02. The City’s fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30.

The City’s FY 2001-02 total operating and capital improvement budget of \$176.7 million includes a \$72.2 million General Fund budget, which funds the majority of general City services (e.g. police, fire, library, recreation, public works, etc.).

The City’s new budget includes additional funding for code enforcement, information services, employee recruitment and retention, parks maintenance, natural gas and electricity costs, and strategic staffing increases in building inspection services, recreation and emergency communications.

Capital improvement projects funded in the City’s FY 2001-02 budget include:

- additional funding for the construction of a new Community Center,
- seismic and other structural upgrades to the Senior Center,
- additional funding for the design and construction of a replica of Mountain View’s original train depot and Centennial Plaza, a gateway area to the City’s downtown transit center,
- undergrounding of overhead utilities along Evelyn Avenue between Pioneer Way and Bernardo Avenue,
- median landscaping improvements along El Camino Real between El Monte Avenue and San Antonio Road,
- design and construction of a bicycle/pedestrian trail in the Hetch Hetchy right-of-way between Whisman Road and Stevens Creek Trail,
- median landscaping improvements along Whisman Road between Fairchild Drive and Whisman Station Drive,
- miscellaneous water main/service line replacements,
- and miscellaneous storm/sanitary sewer main replacements.

For more information about the City’s FY 2001-02 budget, call the Finance and Administrative Services Department at (650) 903-6316. [V](#)

# Plans for Community Center Move Forward

Preparations continue for the construction of a new Mountain View Community Center in Rengstorff Park. BSA Architects has been selected to develop two schematic designs, examining both one and two-story options. A report regarding the status of the project will be presented to the City Council at its October 9 meeting.

The new 35,000 sq. ft. building will replace the existing Community Center building, which was constructed in 1964. The current facility is in need of major upgrades to fire protection, plumbing, electrical and mechanical systems, and lacks sufficient useable space. The construction of a new Center was determined to be more cost-effective than renovating the existing building.

The City Council has approved \$15.5 million for the design and construction of the new building. The new Community Center will house current Recreation Division programming, as well as new and expanded programs to meet the health, social and fitness needs of the Mountain View community.

The new design will give the building a greater prominence on Rengstorff Avenue, take advantage of the park setting and increase and improve the parking lot layout. The building will include a large assembly hall with a fully-equipped catering kitchen that can accommodate community, business and City-sponsored events. In addition, the new Center will feature meeting rooms for community non-profit organizations that serve Mountain View residents.

Siting and parking for a potential child care facility in the future may also be incorporated into the design for the project. This work is being done in cooperation with the Mountain View-Los Altos Community Child Care Task Force, which is evaluating the size and funding requirements for a potential child care facility.

Construction of the project is slated to begin in Spring 2003, with a tentative opening scheduled for early 2005. The City is currently developing an interim plan for the location of Community Center programs and activities during the construction.

For more information regarding the new Community Center project, call the Community Services Department at (650) 903-6331. [V](#)

# NASA Begins Rocket Fuel Testing

NASA Ames Research Center is conducting tests on a new, less-toxic rocket fuel at Moffett Federal Airfield. The tests began this June and will continue through June 2003. Noise levels during the tests will reach approximately 90 decibels at the Stevens Creek Trail for a period of 10 to 20 seconds.

The tests will occur on weekdays between 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m., with a maximum of one test per day and 200 tests during the entire testing period.

For more information regarding the tests, call NASA at (650) 604-5054. [V](#)



# Calendar of Events

## September

- 3 **Labor Day holiday.** City offices closed.
- 4 **Downtown Committee,** 8:00 a.m., PCR
- 5 **Environmental Planning Commission,** 6:30 p.m., CC
- 7 **Household Hazardous Waste** Drop-off in San Jose. Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 8 **Household Hazardous Waste** Drop-off in San Jose. Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 11 **City Council,** 6:30 p.m., CC
- 12 **Visual Arts Committee,** 6:00 p.m., ACR  
**Parks and Recreation Commission,** 7:00 p.m., Library Community Room, 585 Franklin Street
- 13 **Human Relations Commission,** 6:30 p.m., ACR
- 15 **Household Hazardous Waste** Drop-off in Sunnyvale. Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 17 **Library Board,** 7:30 p.m., Library Community Room, 585 Franklin Street
- 19 **Environmental Planning Commission,** 7:30 p.m., CC
- 20 **Whisman Road Area Neighborhood Meeting,** (tentative) 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., location TBA
- 21 **Household Hazardous Waste** Drop-off in San Jose. Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 22 **Home Composting Workshop,** 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon, Community Center, 201 South Rengstorff Avenue Call 408-299-4147 to register.  
**Household Hazardous Waste** Drop-off in San Jose. Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 25 **City Council,** 6:30 p.m., CC
- 26 **Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee,** 6:30 p.m., PCR
- 29 **Adobe Building Dedication,** time TBA 157 Moffett Boulevard  
**Household Hazardous Waste** Drop-off at a location in South County. Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.

## October

- 3 **Environmental Planning Commission,** 6:30 p.m., CC
- 4 **Human Relations Commission,** 6:30 p.m., PCR
- 6 **Household Hazardous Waste** Drop-off at a West Valley location. Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 9 **City Council,** 6:30 p.m., CC
- 10 **Visual Arts Committee,** 6:00 p.m., ACR  
**Parks and Recreation Commission,** 7:00 p.m., Library Community Room, 585 Franklin Street
- 12 **Household Hazardous Waste** Drop-off in San Jose. Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 13 **Household Hazardous Waste** Drop-off in San Jose. Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 15 **Library Board,** 7:30 p.m., Library Community Room, 585 Franklin Street
- 17 **Environmental Planning Commission,** 6:30 p.m., CC
- 18 **Central/North Bayshore Area Neighborhood Meeting,** 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Edith Landels School 115 West Dana Street
- 19 **Public and Elected Officials' Walk To End Domestic Violence,** 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon, San Jose City Hall, 801 N. First Street
- 20 **Home Composting Workshop,** 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, Community Center, 201 South Rengstorff Avenue Call 408-299-4147 to register.  
**Household Hazardous Waste** Drop-off in Sunnyvale. Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.

- 26 **Household Hazardous Waste** Drop-off in San Jose. Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 27 **Household Hazardous Waste** Drop-off in San Jose. Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 28 **Halloween Family Celebration,** 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Rengstorff Park
- 30 **City Council,** 6:30 p.m., CC
- 31 **Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee,** TBA

## November

- 1 **Human Relations Commission,** 6:30 p.m., PCR
- 6 **Downtown Committee,** 8:00 a.m., PCR
- 7 **Environmental Planning Commission,** 6:30 p.m., CC
- 9 **Household Hazardous Waste** Drop-off at a location in San Jose. Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 10 **Household Hazardous Waste** Drop-off at a location in San Jose. Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 11 **Visual Arts Committee,** 6:00 p.m., ACR  
**Parks and Recreation Commission,** 7:00 p.m., Library Community Room, 585 Franklin Street
- 12 **Veteran's Day holiday.** City offices closed.
- 13 **City Council,** 6:30 p.m., CC
- 17 **Household Hazardous Waste** Drop-off at a location in Sunnyvale. Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 19 **Performing Arts Advisory Committee** 7:00 p.m., Rehearsal Studio, Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro Street  
**Library Board,** 7:30 p.m., Library Community Room, 585 Franklin Street
- 21 **Environmental Planning Commission,** 6:30 p.m., CC
- 22 **Thanksgiving holiday.** City offices closed.
- 23 **Thanksgiving holiday.** City offices closed.
- 27 **City Council,** 6:30 p.m., CC
- 28 **Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee,** 6:30 p.m., PCR

CC – Council Chambers, City Hall  
PCR – Plaza Conference Room, City Hall  
ACR – Atrium Conference Room, City Hall

All dates are subject to change.  
Contact the City Clerk's Office at (650) 903-6304 to confirm dates and times.

## Public and Elected Officials Walk To End Domestic Violence

Friday, October 19

8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Members of the public are invited to join public and elected officials from throughout Santa Clara County for a 2-mile walk beginning at San Jose City Hall, 801 North First Street.

For more information, contact:

Cynthia Bojorquez at (408) 277-5820 or email [cynthia.bojorquez@ci.sj.ca.us](mailto:cynthia.bojorquez@ci.sj.ca.us)

## Annual Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony

Saturday, December 2

6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Civic Center Plaza  
500 Castro Street

## Adobe Building Dedication

September 29

157 Moffett Boulevard

For more information, including time and activities, call (650) 903-6331.





# MOUNTAIN VIEW CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

# AUTUMN AT THE CENTER

## SEPTEMBER

TheatreWorks presents  
*Pacific Overtures*

August 29 through September 23  
Tues at 7:30 pm, Wed through Fri at 8 pm  
Sat at 2 and/or 8 pm, Sun at 2 and/or 7 pm



The arrival of Commodore Perry's fleet in 1853 launches this spectacular musical—a stunning masterpiece chronicling the westernization of Japan, an island empire undisturbed for centuries.  
MainStage ■ \$45 - \$22

BootStrap Foundation and CAPA present  
*Imaginal Disks*

September 6 through September 16  
Thurs, Fri & Sat at 7:30 pm, Sun at 2 pm

This exciting first-time collaboration between Bay Area playwright Sharmon J. Hilfinger and composer Joan McMillen produces an intimate and provocative musical.  
SecondStage ■ \$22 adults;  
\$12 seniors/students/children (12 & under).  
September 6 preview - \$12.



Western Ballet & Mark Foehringer Dance Project present  
*The Four Seasons—World Premiere*

Friday, September 28 at 8 pm  
Saturday, September 29 at 2 & 8 pm  
Sunday, September 30 at 2 pm

Western Ballet presents a world premiere by Mark Foehringer Dance Project of San Francisco—*The Four Seasons*—with music by Vivaldi.  
MainStage ■ \$22.50 adults;  
\$18.50 seniors/students (21 & under)/  
children (12 & under).

## OCTOBER

TheatreWorks presents  
*Spinning Into Butter*

October 10 through November 4  
Tues at 7:30 pm, Wed through Fri at 8 pm  
Sat at 2 and/or 8 pm, Sun at 2 and/or 7 pm  
When threats against an African American freshman unleash a whirlwind of student and faculty emotions, dean of students Sarah Daniels scrambles to contain the crisis in a satirical, but ultimately searing exploration of America's liberal conscience. *Contains mature language.*  
MainStage ■ \$45 - \$22

Los Altos High School Drama Department presents  
*One-Act Festival*

Thursday & Friday, October 11 & 12 at 7 pm  
Join the Los Altos High School Drama Department for an evening of comedy and drama.  
SecondStage ■ \$8 adults; \$6 seniors/students with LAHS ASB card/children 12 & under

Community School of Music & Arts  
FREE Family Concert Series presents  
*Red Jade Arts Ensemble,  
Asian Music & Dance*

Sunday, October 7  
at 2:30 & 4:30 pm  
Jazz vocals meet taiko drums! Modern dance merges with Cuban, Brazilian and Filipino percussion! A dazzling performance fusing traditional and non-traditional art forms through sound and movement.  
SecondStage ■ Free (*limited seating, first come, first served on day of event only. No advance seating available*)



Peninsula Youth Theatre's  
Stories on Stage presents  
*Stuart Little*

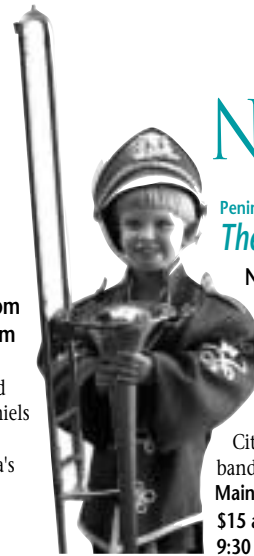
Friday, October 26  
at 9:30 & 11 am  
Saturday, October 27  
at 11:30 am & 1 pm  
Based on the book by E.B. White, follow the exciting adventures of a mouse making his way through the human world.  
SecondStage ■  
Friday - \$6;  
Saturday - \$7

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## NOVEMBER

Peninsula Youth Theatre presents  
*The Music Man*

November 10 through November 18  
Thurs at 9:30 am, Fri at 9:30 am & 7:30 pm, Sat at 2 & 7:30 pm, Sun at 2 and/or 7:30 pm  
Meredith Willson's musical comedy about a traveling salesman who cons River City, Iowa residents, into buying expensive band equipment for their children.  
MainStage ■ Tickets on sale September 15: \$15 adults; \$13 seniors/students. 9:30 am performances - \$6



Peninsula Youth Theatre's Stories on Stage presents  
*Lyle, Lyle Crocodile*

Friday, November 16 at 9:30 & 11 am  
Saturday, November 17 at 11:30 am & 1 pm  
Crocodiles don't typically live in houses in New York City, but Lyle's not your typical crocodile! Based on the Bernard Waber book.  
SecondStage ■ Friday - \$6; Saturday - \$7

CSMA FREE Family Concert Series presents  
*Bella Cose String Quartet*

Sunday, November 18 at 2:30 & 4:30 pm  
Passion and vivid storytelling come from the 16 strings of this all-woman quartet. The ensemble's reverent approach to their music, combined with their passionate, personal interpretation, is sure to send spirits soaring.  
SecondStage ■ Free (*limited seating, first come, first served on day of event only. No advance seating available*)

Golden Gate Geographic Society presents  
*France!*

Monday, November 19 at 2 & 7:45 pm  
Tour all of France from the chateaus and palaces, D-Day beaches, to elegant Bayeaux Tapestries, French perfume to cheeses in this stunning film. Producer Dwayne Merry, Ph.D. appears in person.  
MainStage ■ \$9 adults;  
\$4.50 youths (14 & under)

Smuin Ballets/SF presents  
*The Christmas  
Ballet 2001*

Saturday, November 24  
at 2 & 8 pm  
Sunday, November 25  
at 2 pm  
Act I—*The Classical Christmas*—is set to Mozart, Bach and other masters. Act II—*The Cool Christmas*—is non-stop rockin' fun. A holiday treat for children and balletomanes alike.  
MainStage ■ \$31 adults; \$25 seniors/students; \$20 children (12 & under).



Schola Cantorum presents  
*Messiah Sing 2001*

Sunday, November 25 at 8 pm  
Sing along with Schola's Music Director Gregory Wait and guest orchestra in the Peninsula's oldest and most popular Messiah Sing.  
MainStage ■ \$15 adults;  
\$10 students with ID/children (12 & under)

Pacific Theater Ballet presents  
*The Nutcracker*

Friday, November 30 at 7:00 pm  
Saturday, December 1 at 2 & 7 pm  
Sunday, December 2  
at 11:30 am & 3 pm  
Pacific Theatre Ballet presents its 11th Annual holiday classic—*The Nutcracker*. Young Clara is given the Nutcracker by her beloved godfather at a Christmas party.  
MainStage ■ \$20, \$15



*The Four Seasons—World Premiere*

# TICKETS & INFORMATION 650.903.6000

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